

Appalachian Developmental Highway

CORRIDOR FACTS

- ◆ The APD GRIP corridor extends from I-575 near Ball Ground to the North Carolina Line.
- ◆ Completed projects will provide 4-lanes of roadway, usually divided with a grass median
- ◆ The APD GRIP corridor is approximately 76 miles in length
- ◆ This GRIP corridor is 99% open to traffic.
- ◆ The estimated cost to complete the four lane construction is **\$13,707,200**
- ◆ The Appalachian Developmental Highway is part of a larger federal program known as the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) which connects 13 Appalachian states to the interstate system. Other non-GRIP corridors in Georgia included on the ADHS are SR 20 from Cartersville to Cumming and SR 400 from I-285 to Dawsonville.

PREPARING A HIGHWAY PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION

Highway construction demands adherence to an exact project development process, as specified in federal and state laws. This process incorporates a number of key stages that are vital to the development of a highway construction project:

- ◆ Concept Development: Data analysis, conceptual studies and alternatives analysis
- ◆ Environmental Approval: Surveys for environmental resources, public meetings and environmental document approval
- ◆ Preliminary Design Plans: Design and preparation of preliminary roadway plans and utility coordination
- ◆ Right of Way Acquisition: Property title research, right of way plans, property appraisal, purchase of right of way
- ◆ Final Design Plans: Design and preparation of final construction plans and contract documents
- ◆ Let to Contract: Advertise for bids, award to construction contract and begin construction

Appalachian Developmental Highway Status

The remaining section of the APD Highway consists of one project extending from SR 2 north of Hiawassee to the North Carolina line for 1.1 miles (**Project No. 0013228**). Funding has not been identified for this project.

